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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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Cause And Effect

The floor price of 58 cents a pound has helped Canada produce her requirements of about 300,000,000 pounds of butter a year.

Another factor in the butter situation is the production of margarine but that, by itself, would be expected to cause a reduction in the amount of butter produced.

The floor price has prevented the shak-ing-down process and kept large numbers of farmers in the business of milk production.

Scotland's National Trust

Scotland is in the forefront in preserv-ing and caring for places of historic interest and beauty, and a message of interest in this regard was given to Canadians in a recent address in Sydney, N. S., by the Earl of Wemyss and March, a descendant of the noble House of Macduff, ancient earls of Fife.

The Trust helps to make it possible for the people of Scotland and visitors from overseas to share the living heritage of the nation. Since it was founded twenty-three years ago, the Trust has taken under its care some sixty properties, all of which in different ways are intimately linked with the history and culture of Scotland.

Properties under care of the Trust include many smaller houses built in earlier days throughout the country as well as castles and large estates. Some of these have associations with such famous Scots-men as Robert Burns, Thomas Carlyle, Sir James M. Barrie the author of Peter Pan, and Hugh Miller.

Touchy Spot In Far East

A strategic patch of land and sea in the Far East—roughly 500 miles square—has become a highly sensitive spot, subject to international perils and problems. There, northern Japan faces Russian territory on three sides: the southeast Siberian coast, the elongated island of Sakhalin, and the string of Kuril Islands stretching 650 miles to the tip of the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Southern Sakhalin and the extended Kuril chain came into Soviet possession in 1945, following Japan's defeat in World War II. For a hundred years before that, however, the region was often in dispute between the two nations. In the early days

both Russia and Japan occupied portions of the Kurils nearest their respective territories. Five-hundred-mile-long Sakhalin was divided between the two countries. By an agreement in 1875 the Russians gained control of the whole of Sakhalin (29,700 square miles), giving in exchange the then Czarist-held share of the Kurils.

On the surface these northern islands would hardly seem worth a struggle. Bleak, cold and foggy, they are swept by rain-storms in summer and blizzards in winter. The volcanic Kurils still smoke ominously in places—a reminder that their name came from the Russian word for smoking.

In Japanese hands many Kuril Islands were fortified. From the harbor of one of them, Iturup, the Imperial fleet sailed for the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Russians have modernized and added to the old fortifications. Russian fishermen and factory workers have been encouraged to settle on big Sakhalin and parts of the Kuril chain.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It's an ill wind that blows no good. The unreasonableness of Premier Syngman Rhee in proposing to re-unify Korea by force means that Canadian troops will be withdrawn from that country by Spring.

James Groves Thurber, American cartoonist and humorous writer, was born this date 1894. He joined the staff of the New Yorker in 1926. His writings are illustrated and enlivened by his own characteristic drawings.

Central London has solved a seemingly insoluble parking problem by the simple expedient of prohibiting parking in many streets. The ban is enforced between 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A short time ago Londoners established their legal right to enter and leave a moving bus. The skills since acquired can probably be put to good use now on Piccadilly.

Roman water reservoirs constructed in East Jordan in Bible times have been repaired with the aid of a United States operating mission. It is expected that a number of towns, uninhabitable for some 2,000 years will again be capable of habitation.

The Printed Word is chortling at the expense of the editor of the Canada Year Book. It seems that that valuable and generally reliable publication shows Canadian time zones as being from 3 1/2 to nine hours after Greenwich time, so that when it is noon at Greenwich it is officially 6 p.m. in the central zone.

The average 12-year-old Norwegian boy is over 4 1/2 inches taller than one of the same age 20 years ago, reports News from Norway, quoting a consumers council. The finding points up the necessity of keeping such statistics up to date so that industry may produce the various sizes in appropriate quantity and the consumer may reasonably expect age sizes to correspond with actual measurements.

British scientists are using something called the sonograph to study ornithological chirps and trills. This machine draws a pattern of any sound fed into it, and the pattern can be read and interpreted by those who know how. In this way, songs of individual birds can be compared and note taken of discrepancies that are inaudible to the human ear.



On The Program For '55?

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Sir,—Television is rapidly expanding throughout Canada and some weeks ago we were able to get some fair examples of fringe a.e.a. receptions here on the Island.

How very unfortunate, especially to this Province, was the loss of the service rendered by the late Col. Rogers who so successfully pioneered radio in Prince Edward Island so many years ago, and up to the time of his death strived so hard to have TV service established here.

I am, Sir, etc., G.C.M. (Shut-in) Charlottetown

WESTERN ART EXHIBIT

Sir,—In the belief that there is little of explanation to the public among the several letters which have recently appeared in The Guardian relative to this Exhibit, I will try from possibly a different angle to throw some light on the matter after several visits to this exhibition. Those writers who wrote previously are no doubt skilled men in Art matters.

To begin with, this exhibit is not nor was not the request of the Art Society of P. E. Island, nor is it a group of credit to show the public such a group of poor and inferior work. (The Maritime Art Association requested and sent this to Charlottetown). However it is at present shown here and does no credit to the Western painters.

I am, Sir, etc., A. W. WRIGHT Charlottetown, Dec. 7th

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

AN EARLY PROPRIETOR

Lord Robert Townshend was a son of General Townshend who was with Wolfe at Quebec. Robert was with one of those who drew as a reward for services to the King grants of land on Prince Edward Island, his portion being Lot 43 at Bay Fortune.

OTTAWA REPORT

Canada's NATO Contribution

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: The average Canadian family is paying \$516 this year towards the cost of building up our defences against possible attack. Half this sum is the direct cost of our participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

It is timely that our Defence Minister, Vancouver's Ralph Campney, has just released details of the extent and cost of our participation in the NATO defence picture. The part of which Canadians can be most proud is certainly the \$80 which that average family is contributing toward Canada's share in the Mutual Aid Program, planned to build up the strength of our allies in the NATO alliance.

Canada — THE NEW ARSENAL Our giveaway program can be grouped under three main headings: First are gifts of new or World War II military equipment. These range from 1954 supersonic jet fighter planes to the familiar old .303 Lee-Enfield rifle.

In some parts of Canada, a familiar sight is the colour uniforms worn by these trainees from nine allied countries. Some of these are given to Mr. Campney, are given a special course in the English language before they start their flying training.

We have agreed to train 3,600 foreign pilots and navigators over a 3-year period. So far, 3,208 have passed through our schools, and an extension of this plan is under consideration. The list of military equipment which we have given to our various allies is enough to equip an army larger than our own, a powerful air force of 30 squadrons, and a small naval detachment, with part of their requirements. Listen to this recital of some of our gifts: 4,583 guns, 146,866 rifles and mortars, 73,058,676 rounds of ammunition, 7,020 ambulances and trucks, 586 aircraft with spare parts and a spare engine, 6 naval minesweepers, as well as p.e.dictors, telescopes, electronic equipment, flying suits and even trousers and jackets.

Lips back and forth to England. —Past and Present of Prince Edward Island.

ACCIDENT TOLL

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The RCMP reports traffic accidents on the increase all over Newfoundland. The 2,850 accidents of 1953 already have been topped by more than 300 this year. Fatalities however dropped from 28 last year to 14 up to the end of November.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The ultimate consumer is the guy at the end of the line who pays for everything that goes on in between. — Moose Jaw Times-Herald. Cape Breton deer hunting seems a mild sport compared with certain targets for guns in Asia and Africa. For instance, how would you like to take on the 900-pound tiger, believed to be the biggest ever shot in India that was bagged the other day by the Maharajah of Mysore? Or would you rather shoot at a bunny rabbit? The tiger had been terrifying villagers and killing cattle for the last two months. Our woodland beasts seldom terrify us but more than once someone has been frightened by a mouse in a house. — Sydney Post-Record.

Five minutes in a toy department store and everything his that he could carry out of the store in that period! That was the wonderful opportunity awarded a fourteen-year-old Baltimore boy as the winner of an art contest sponsored by a bakery. How did he make out? Well, Frank Della Noce, son of a funeral director, managed to transport prizes worth \$393 to the designated spot outside the store. First a \$70 bicycle, and in four trips such articles as a \$70 train set, a \$40 doll for his sister and a \$40 building set. — Saint John Telegraph Journal.

He criticized her pudding, did not like her cake; he wished she made the biscuits his mother used to make; she didn't wash the dishes, and she didn't make a stew; or darn socks like his mother used to do. Oh, well. She wasn't perfect, but she tried to do her best, until at length she thought her time had come to have a rest; so when one day he went the same old rigmorale all through she turned and boxed his ears — just like mother used to do. — Montreal Daily Star.

The present is an appropriate time to bring up the vital subject of Christmas shopping, a pleasant responsibility which must be fulfilled within the next few weeks, if it is to go happily when the festival finally arrives. There is unlimited experience to prove that early Christmas shopping is the course of wisdom. It is attended by practical benefits, such as stocks that have not been depleted by the onslaughts of the army of shoppers that appears later in the season. — Galt Reporter.

Correction is calling attention to an error made by another. The error may have to do with a person's age, the number of a street, the date of a battle, the quotation of what somebody said or any other positive statement. Some people are notorious for making errors, while some people are notorious for correcting them. People who are notorious for making errors may try to avoid them by keeping quiet. But it is hard to go all day without saying a word. — Vancouver Herald.

There was a time, long since past, when men asked permission before they dared smoke in a lady's presence. That changed just when women began taking their place in the work world alongside men; again when women decided they might as well smoke as be smoked. Now men and women find themselves in the midst of one another's smoke. You see it in restaurants, dining rooms and in other public places where smoking is allowed; sometimes right in front of "no smoking" signs. You see it on the movie screen. You see it on TV sets, particularly in those many commercials extolling the virtues of this and that brand of cigarettes — men and women lighting up and puffing the smoke right into the faces of whoever they may be talking to. Manners! There just doesn't

CITY TAX APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals from Supplementary Assessments and Valuations has set Tuesday, December 14, 1954, at 10.00 a.m. in the Court Room in the City Building, as the time and place for hearing such supplementary tax appeals.

J. A. FULLERTON, City Clerk.

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